

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following heading at page 1, after the Title;

"CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS"

Please add the following heading at page 1, at line 3;

"TECHNICAL FIELD"

Please add the following heading at page 1, at line 6;

"BACKGROUND"

Please add the following heading at page 1, at line 27;

"SUMMARY OF INVENTION"

Please add the following heading at page 2, at line 10;

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS"

Please add the following heading at page 2, at line 19;

"DETAILED DESCRIPTION"

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, at line 9 with the following:

The skirt 12 contacts at least one point of the lip 9 and preferably is in contact with an area of the upper surface of the lip 9. The contact points or contact area create a sealing line or band between the skirt 12 and the ball 2 or rod 3. This sealing line or band is in addition to the sealing line or band between the head 7 and the trough 8. Thus, there are provided two seals separating the bearing surfaces from any liquid or contaminant particles. In addition, the skirt 12 provides a run-off for liquid away from the seal between the skirt 12 and lip 9, thereby further enhancing the sealing performance of the seal. Preferably, as shown in Figure 2, a gap 14 is provided between the sealing line defined by the head 7 and the sealing line defined by the skirt 12.